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From the Cape to the Zambesi. By **G. T. Hutchinson.** Introduction by Col. F. Rhodes. xiv and 202 pp., 31 Illustrations and Index. John Murray, London, 1905. (Price, 9s.)

This book is worth reading by everybody who cares to keep in touch with South African progress. That region is to-day in a state of constant change, for it is a country in the making; and we have seen no book from which so much may be learned about the present prospects there as from this volume. About one-third of it is given to Rhodesia, a country that is larger than France and Spain together. Much of it is adapted for white occupancy, and all of it is now in the pioneer stage of development.

Other chapters especially filled with information and deduction are those on Cape Colony, Kimberley, the Victoria Falls, the native and land questions, and the gold-mining interests. We gain a good idea, for example, of the variety of causes that have brought about the present depression, following the boom period just after the war. We learn of the enormous influence of the De Beers Diamond Mining Company, which actually controls Kimberley, and provides a large part of its municipal revenue. The author gives a very interesting account of the serious dispute that has arisen between the 12,000 white settlers of Rhodesia and the British South African Company, which governs them. It remains to be seen, as he says, whether the Chartered Company will be content to abandon all hope of immediate profit, to take up the difficult path of retrenchment and reform in Rhodesia, and look for reward in its future greatness. He discusses all phases of affairs there, and expresses the view that in the matter of roads, hospitals, postal and telegraphic systems and public works generally, Rhodesia is better equipped than any other country of its age.

Tourists are now flocking to the Victoria Falls of the Zambezi, and, in Mr. Hutchinson's opinion, "The new hotel, the Canadian canoes, the crowds of camera-laden visitors, or the scene of bustle and activity at the railway station and the bridgehead, all appear singularly out of place; indeed, the Victoria Falls had been described by one, who knew them in the old days, as 'a mass of water surrounded by tourists.'"

The illustrations are admirable.

Canada As It Is. By **John Foster Fraser.** 303 pp., 47 full-page Illustrations from Photographs, and Index. Cassell & Company, New York. (Price, \$2.)

Mr. Fraser is a British journalist and novelist who has travelled nearly everywhere, and describes what he sees in a breezy way with many bits of shrewd observation. He shows us a panorama of Canada from sea to sea. He seems to touch everything in a light and jaunty manner, but for all that he gets beneath the surface, and we really garner the essence of many things. No one who is familiar with the fruit fields of the Niagara peninsula, the wheat plains of the central region, the glories of the Canadian Rocky Mountains, the cañon of the Fraser River, or the various types of the Canadian people, will say that his word-pictures, sketched though they be with a few strokes of the brush, and lacking in detail, are not the truth after all, and, generally, the part of it best worth knowing. The book is handsomely illustrated.

A Commercial Traveller in South America. By **Frank Wiborg.** xv and 159 pp., 9 Illustrations, and Index. McClure, Phillips & Co., New York, 1905. (Price, \$1.)

A readable little book, giving a business man's impressions of South America